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1. IN A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL ENTITLED "F.R.G.: GOOD INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISTS," IN KINSHASA'S FRENCH-LANGUAGE DAILY "ELIMA", BONN CORRESPONDENT DEMBA PRAISES BULGARIA'S RECENT COOPERATION WITH GERMAN AUTHORITIES, LEADING TO THE CAPTURE OF FOUR GERMAN TERRORISTS, AND CONTRASTS SOFIA'S ACTIONS WITH BELGRADE'S.

2. "IN CONTRAST WITH CERTAIN OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, BULGARIA COOPERATED FULLY AND VERY EFFICIENTLY WITH BONN IN STRUGGLE AGAINST THE TERRORISTS. SOFIA PERMITTED, AS DID MOGADISCIO IN 1977, THE SENDING OF A GROUP OF WEST GERMAN POLICE, WHO CAPTURED TILL MEYER AND (THE THREE WOMEN WHO BROKE HIM OUT OF A WEST BERLIN JAIL) IN ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS HIS ESCAPE FROM JAIL: AROUND FOUR MINUTES*

3. "BUT WHAT IS PARTICULARLY REMARKABLE IN THIS AFFAIR IS THE READINESS OF THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO DELIVER THE FOUR PERSONS IN QUESTION TO GERMAN JUSTICE IMMEDIATELY -- WITHOUT CONDITION OR COUNTER-PROPOSITION. THIS ATTENTION

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TUDE DIFFERS COMPLETELY FROM THAT OF YUGOSLAVIA, WHERE AUTHORITIES ARRESTED FOUR GERMAN TERRORISTS A MONTH AGO. UNTILL NOW, BELGRADE HAS NOT RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THE EXTRADITION REQUEST BONN HAS SENT, AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THE YUGOSLAW AUTHORITIES HAVE DECIDED TO BLACKMAIL BONN: EIGHT MILITANT CROATIAN NATIONALISTS PRESENTLY IN GERMANY MUST FIRST BE RETURNED."

4. WITHOUT DRAWING ANY CONCLUSIONS, THE EDITORIALIST POINTS OUT THAT AT LEAST EIGHT OF THE TEN TERRORISTS GERMAN AUTHORITIES HAVE CAPTURED IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS WERE INVOLVED IN THE ABDUCTION AND KILLING OF GERMAN INDUSTRIALIST HANS-MARTIN SCHLEYER. ITEM.
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